

I oppose loosening the rules designed to promote and protect diversity of media ownership. These rules were adopted to ensure that the public would receive a diverse range of viewpoints from the media, and not simply the opinions of a handful of media conglomerates. The cable ownership

cap is a crucial element of our democratic media, and it should not be weakened.

I have been a radio broadcaster for over 20 years. In my opinion the telecommunication act passed in 1996 has ruined the industry.

Gone today is the diversity and quality in programming, and I wonder with only a handful of corporations owning the majority of radio stations in the country, if we still have a "free press".

Thousands of jobs have been eliminated due to the "bottom line". Radio used to be programmed by management and program directors, now it's a handful of corporate re-broadcasting the same few watered down formats all across the country. They call it cookie cutter formats.

Radio for the most part isn't live anymore, it's delivered by computer. One air talent voicetracks for several stations in their market and stations all across the country. Which is why radio has gotten so stale and listenership is decreasing. We must put regulation back in to radio/cable/newspaper/television ownership. Remember companies like Clear Channel/Infinity etc. do not own the air waves, they are the trustees of the air waves. The people own the airwaves and I don't see the people being served anymore.

Ask yourself this, if one or three companies own all the newspapers, cable TV, TV stations, radio stations etc. you think this is a free press? or a giant monopoly!